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Chileans Bring Leftists to Trial

At least two prominent civilian leftists are among the Chileans, mainly military men, who are slated to be tried by the air force beginning on April 15.

Socialists Carlos Lazo and Erick Schnake, the latter a senator at the time of the military coup last year, are charged with promoting insubordination in the armed forces and stealing military secrets. The prosecution will request a life sentence for Lazo and 30 years for Schnake. The trial apparently will be before a wartime court-martial. This means that appeals from the verdicts and sentences can be made only to higher military authorities.

Similar charges may be brought against former foreign minister Cándido Almeyda, but the government has apparently not yet finished preparing its case against the bulk of the more prominent leftist prisoners.

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